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(54) **Detergent compositions**

(57) The present invention relates to the replacement of surfactants, builders, polymers and bleaches in detergent compositions with enzymes.

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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-23

Detergent composition comprising (%w/w) (a) 0-30% of surfactant, 0-50% of builder and at least 0.00001% of enzyme protein or (b) 0-30% of surfactant, 0-50% of builder, 0-6% of polymers and at least 0.00001% of enzyme protein or (c) 0-30% of surfactant, 0-50% of builder, 0-15% of bleaches and at least 0.00001% of enzyme protein or (d) 0-30% of surfactant, 0-50% of builder and at least 0.00001% of enzyme protein, wherein the contribution to the detergency provided by the enzymes in the detergent composition is more than 5%.

2. claims: 24-26

Detergent composition comprising (%w/w) 0.00001% to 80% of enzyme protein and a surfactant system having a ratio CAC:CMC of less than 0.95 (CAC is critical ad-micellar concentration; CMC is critical micellar concentration) and the use of such surfactant system to improve enzyme detergency.

3. claims: 27-28

Detergent composition comprising (%w/w) 0.00001% to 80% of enzyme protein of which at least 0.05% is a lipolytic enzyme and a surfactant system wherein the nonionic surfactant constitutes less than 50% w/w of the total surfactant and the critical micellar concentration of the surfactant system is above 0.1Mm in a wash liquor and the use of such surfactant system to improve lipolytic enzyme detergency.

4. claim: 29

Method for optimizing or screening the enzyme detergency in a detergent composition comprising (%w/w) 0.00001% to 80% of enzyme protein.

5. claims: 30-34

Composition comprising surfactant(s) in a slow or delayed release formulation in amounts such that, when the surfactants are released in the wash liquor, they are capable of forming micelles forming a binding site for a lipolytic enzyme, and a method of treating a textile using such compositions.

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